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For:

**ANTI-LTNF FOR IN VITRO ASSAY
OF BIOLOGICAL TOXINS**

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Art Unit: 1645.

Examiner: Baskar, P.

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 18, 2000 concerning the captioned application, kindly consider the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Kindly cancel claims 1-3.